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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 12/17/2009**

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
December 17, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, David White, Catherine Garnett and William O'Rourke of the Commission. Ezra Benjamin, Brian Thomas and Ellen Reed and of the Commission were not in attendance. Also present were David Dolan, Tim Williams, and Christine Deshler.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

O'Rourke/White motioned to approve the 12/3 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission is composing its 2010 **Annual Report**, which is due January 15.

The Commission discussed request for the removal of land-based **phragmites at Spy Pond** this winter along with the water-based plants which have been sprayed. It was decided that these plants should not be cut without a permit (no permit presently allows their cutting), and any permit shouldin place which considers an entire treatment plan.

8pm – **Notice of Intent**, 1007 Massachusetts Ave, Highland Firestation

Ms. Beckwith received a note that the applicant requested to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

White/Tirone motioned to continue the hearing, with the applicant's consent, to 1/7/10 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

8pm - **Working Session** – Brigham's site, Mill St.

The Commission was shown a plan to build housing units on this site by Tim Williams of Alan & Major. The project is within the Riverfront Area of Mill Brook and also the 100-year floodplain.

The Commission was asked if the 1982 FEMA flood elevation or the new calculation for the 100-year flood was the line to use in the application. Ms. Beckwith is looking for additional calculations performed at the time that Peirce Field was constructed to help answer this question.

The Commission was also asked if the developer could help build part of the Mill Brook Linear Park immediately adjacent to the site.

The Commission was also asked if it was possible to get a variance from the 2:1 floodplain compensation requirement. Mr. Stevens recalled that it took an act of Town Meeting to allow the variance for the highschool field (and that Article expired) and therefore was not likely.

8:15pm – **Amendment to Order of Conditions** (DEP File No. 91-205) -14 Reed St.

Mr. Dolan presented the revised plan to add a second entrance from the house to the driveway, and add a bulkhead for access to the crawlspace underneath the house.

White/Tirone motioned to approved the amendments as proposed; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.)

The Commission was not able to reschedule the site walk to **86 Coolidge Rd** to a date at which most members could attend. The consultant indicated that they would proceed with filing the application and then the board would hold a site walk.

The Commission thought that a silt sock filled with mulch should be placed along the fence at **34 Forest St.**

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Administrator